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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1940

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The Mayor, Alderman & Councillors.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit an Interim Report for 1940.

This report, as was that for 1939, is only an Interim Report and includes only some rough statistics and notes of any new developments and a more detailed report will be submitted after the war.

A. STATISTICS. The Registrar General's Estimate of population is 6995.

BIRTHS. There were 106 live births and 1 still birth.

BIRTH RATE. 15.0. Birth rate for England & Wales is 14.6.

DEATHS. There were102 deaths corrected by transfer according to the Registrar General's return (though the numbers returned to me were 97 after transfer and 101 before thansfer).

The death rate for the Borough is as follows- (a) Crude death rate 14.5 (b) after adjustment 12.7. Death rate for England and Wales 14.3. Infantile death rate 37 for 1000 live births. There were 4 deaths of children under 1 year.

MORTALITY. Maternal mortality was 2. Rate per 1000 live births 18.

B. General Provision of Health Services. Nothing new to report.

C. Sanitary Circumstances of the Area. No new work was undertaken and the routine work continued as usual.

D. HOUSING. Nothing to report.

E. Inspection and Supervision of Food. This work was carried on as usual.

F. Prevelence of and Control over Infectious Diseases. There was an increase in the number of cases of Diphtheria, 11 being reported compared with 4 in 1939. 8 of these were sent to hospital. One case was fatal.

There were 12 cases of Scarlet Fever, I being treated in hospital.

There were 17 cases of pneumonia and 4 of Erysipelas.

Measles and Whooping Cough had become notifiable in October 1939 and there wer in 1940, 261 Measles and 2 Whooping Cough cases reported.

Puerpuel Pyrexia. There was one case of Puerpuel Pyrexia which proved fatal. A large number of children wereimmunised against Dightheria during the year, and though till this year there had been practically no response to the Council's scheme of supplying the toxoid and paying the doctors for the work, a large number were done in the Autumn and early winter this year, and after the majority had been done on December 7th the Ministry of Health issued

a circular stating that they would supply the toxoid free. Unfortunately there does not seem to be any chance of recovering any of the money paid for Toxoid previous to this from the Ministry. This almost encourages delay in making any effort to respond to Government suggestions in the way of preventive treatment.

Tuberculosis. 4 cases of Tuberculosis of the lung were reported and there were 5 deaths from the same cause.

In conclusion, I should like to thank your Sanitary Inspector and his staff for their ready co-operation in all matters that concerned them.

I am,

Your Obedient servant,

H.G. ROBINSON.

Medical Officer of Health.